

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST 2010 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Annette S. Perkins	-Chair
	James D. Politis	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	William H. Brown	
	Gary D. Creed	
	Doug Marrs	
	John A. Muffo	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Mitchell Haugh	-Parks & Recreation Director
	Steve Sandy	-Planning Director
	Ruth L. Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

### **INTO CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

Section 2.2-3711      (1)      Discussion, Consideration or Interviews of Prospective Candidates for Employment; Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Officers, Appointees or Employees of Any Public Body

1. Agency on Aging
2. Board of Equalization
3. County Administrator's Annual Review

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Gary D. Creed	None
William H. Brown	
James D. Politis	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marrs	
John A. Muffo	
Annette S. Perkins	

### **OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
William H. Brown	None
James D. Politis	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marrs	
John A. Muffo	
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only

such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

### VOTE

#### AYES

James D. Politis  
Mary W. Biggs  
Doug Marrs  
John A. Muffo  
Gary D. Creed  
William H. Brown  
Annette S. Perkins

#### NAYS

None

#### ABSENT DURING VOTE

None

#### ABSENT DURING MEETING

None

### **INVOCATION**

A moment of silence was lead by the Chair.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **DELEGATION**

#### **Virginia Department Of Transportation**

David Clarke, VDOT Residency Administrator, updated the Board of Supervisors on the following:

- Tuckahoe Drive street sign has been moved away from the flashing school lights on Rt. 8 due to the sign obscuring the visibility of the lights.
- Stanley Road (SR 667) project has started. This is a revenue sharing project.
- Citizen Request – Rumble Strips: Mr. Clarke reported VDOT received a request for rumble strips to be installed on Walton Road (SR 663) near the entrance of Rt. 11 in Plum Creek. VDOT, at the request of the fire department, cut back the bank where the first curve is located on Walton Road in order for the fire trucks to make the turn with the

large fire trucks. VDOT also put up additional warning signs near this curve. There have been several accidents in this area and the property owner of a house located within this curve is concerned that a vehicle will end up in the house. Mr. Clarke asked the Board's input as to whether rumble strips should be installed. He stated no action was needed tonight.

Supervisor Politis suggested that VDOT survey the surrounding property owners for their approval due to the noise that will be generated.

- Revenue Sharing Program: VDOT received less funds in FY 10-11 than estimated and only approved funding to projects that are to be administered by the locality.
- Mt. Pleasant Road (SR 693) Bridge Replacement: VDOT Bridge Department is in the process of drafting a design for the bridge replacement on Mt. Pleasant Road. They estimate a five (5) day shut down and traffic will be detoured.

At this time the Board of Supervisors addressed the following concerns:

Willis Hollow Road (SR 609) – Supervisor Creed requested information on the cost of engineering work for Willis Hollow Road. He believes it would be in the best interest of the County to outsource the engineering work in order to expedite this project. Mr. Clarke stated that he could provide VDOT's cost for engineering work but he would not know the cost for an outside consultant. Mr. Clarke reported that the cause for the delay is not funding but manpower and believes if the engineering work is outsourced the construction part still will not begin until Spring/Summer 2011.

Big Vein Road (SR 609)/McCoy Road Drainage Work – Supervisor Brown requested VDOT give him a call when they start the drainage work on Big Vein and McCoy Road. Mr. Clarke reported he will get a time frame to Supervisor Brown. VDOT has started some preliminary work already.

Meadow Creek Road/Tyler Road – Supervisor Politis requested an update on more signage at the Meadow Creek Road and Tyler Road intersection. Mr. Clarke replied he has put in the request and will check to see when the work will be done.

460 Bypass Signage in Blacksburg- Supervisor Perkins stated the yield sign coming off Ramble Road onto the 460 bypass still needs to be larger in order for motorists to see. She stated that motorists are not stopping when merging onto the bypass.

#### **Citizens of Northwest Montgomery County – Prices Fork Village Community Center**

Andrea Sharpe-Robinson, President of the Northwest Montgomery Village Center Foundation (NWVCF), updated the Board of Supervisors on their progress toward the vision and plan for the Prices Fork Elementary School to be used for a village community. Ms. Sharpe-Robinson provided the following:

Per the request of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, following is a brief progress report of the Northwest Montgomery Village Center Foundation (NWVCF) organizational and planning efforts since our last presentation to the Board of Supervisors in January 2010.

**I. Goals proposed at the January Board of Supervisors Meeting:**

1. Develop and Initiate Fund-Raising Plans
2. Develop a Village Center Concept of Operations and Begin Looking for Participants
3. Provide a Quarterly Progress Report to the County Board of Supervisors  
*(The Blacksburg High School and Middle School Situation has caused delays. Indeed, we are hampered by the unknown situation surrounding the potential use of the PFES in 2011.)*

**II. Accomplishments towards meeting these goals:**

1. Incorporated as a Non-profit in State of Virginia
2. Filed for 501 3 c Status with the IRS
3. Held a Bake Sale to raise initial funds
4. Coordinated with the Virginia Tech School of Architecture/Community Design Assistance Center to Initiate an Architectural Concept
5. Coordinated with the School of Business for an Economic Analysis
6. Held a meeting of experts interested in contributing to design and architectural plan to coordinate their efforts. These consultants included members of the Virginia Tech Community Assistance Design Center (School of Architecture), the Center for Geospatial Information Technology (Peter Sforda, Director), and Jen Wehby (graduate student, College of Architecture). In addition, Adam Cohen (Structures Design/Build & LEED Consultant) of Roanoke has been contacted for future consultation.
6. Met with the MCPS Facility Manager to Obtain current building condition and future renovation plans, if any
7. Met with County Assessor to Obtain current valuation for tax purposes
8. Met with County Librarian and County Historian to determine interest in being a resident in the Facility
9. Developed an Initial Concept of Operations
10. Established a Web Presence
11. Drafted a poem to memorialize the effort

**III. General Operational Concept:**

1. Facility (Building and Grounds) Owned By:
  - a. MWMCVCF, Inc (non-profit)
  - b. Public-Private Partnership (profit or non-profit)
  - c. Private Partnership (profit or non-profit)
2. Facility Leased to Organizations  
Examples: Day Care (Rainbow Riders)  
Health/Fitness (The Weight Club)  
Library/Genealogy/Technology Center  
Museum (Montgomery County)  
Restaurant/Cafe
3. Revenues From Leasing Used for:
  - Sustaining the Facility
  - Rewarding the Owners

We are deeply appreciative of the Board of Supervisors continued support for our efforts to sustain, preserve, and enhance community life in the northwest sector of Montgomery County.

Ms. Sharpe-Robinson stated that in order to proceed they need to know if the old Prices Fork Elementary School will be available and if so what timeframe.

Chair Perkins reported that the Prices Fork Elementary School is still property of the School Board and at the current time the Board of Supervisors does not know the School Board's intent with regards to the facility. Until the facility is deemed surplus and deeded to the Board of Supervisors, she cannot comment.

The Board of Supervisors thanked the Northwest Montgomery Village Center Foundation for their update and expressed appreciation for their time and effort in planning for a community center for the Prices Fork area.

### **Huckleberry Trail – Christiansburg Extension Progress Report**

John Neel, Gay & Neel Engineering, provided an update on the status of activities related to the Huckleberry Trail Extension Project. Mr. Neel stated the County applied for T-21 grant funding on behalf of Christiansburg for the Huckleberry Trail extension. The project consists of extending the trail by 2 miles from the New River Valley Mall to Christiansburg Park & Recreation. A bridge over Peppers Ferry Road (Route 114) will be constructed to provide a crossover for pedestrians.

Mr. Neel reported that the Town of Blacksburg and the Friends of the Huckleberry are also working on an extension from the Blacksburg end to the National Forest.

### **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Richard Hirsh encouraged the Board of Supervisors to authorize and fund a new Blacksburg High School. He believes it will take a lot of money and time to repair the existing high school. Mr. Hirsh stated now is the time to construct as the cost to borrow money is low and construction costs are low. He urged the Board to consider a new high school for Blacksburg.

Susan Miller addressed the Board regarding the Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Department. Ms. Miller served as Chair for the Parks & Recreation Commission for 2 ½ years and spoke in support of recreation services. Participation has increased in all recreation activities, such as children participating in the recreational sport leagues. Ms. Miller thanked the Board for their support for the County's parks and recreation program. She also praised the Montgomery County Parks & Recreation Director, Mitchell Haugh, for doing an excellent job.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated August 9, 2010 was approved.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None
Doug Marrs	
John A. Muffo	
Gary D. Creed	
William H. Brown	
James D. Politis	
Annette S. Perkins	

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously, the minutes dated May 10, 2010 were approved.

### **Appropriations and Transfers**

#### **A-FY-11-18 SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS TRANSFER FOR TEMPORARY SCHOOL FACILITIES**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 for the function and in the amount as follows:

451209 Transfer to School Capital Projects	\$1,000,000
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
451205 Designated Fund Balance	\$1,000,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the School Capital Projects fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 for the function and in the amount as follows:

6625 Transition Costs for Temporary Schools	\$1,000,000
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
451100 Transfer from General Fund	\$1,000,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a transfer between 2008 School Bond Capital Projects was granted for the function and in the amount as follows:

FROM:

6616	Price's Fork Elementary School	(\$1,500,000)
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TO:

6625	Transition Costs for Temporary Schools	\$1,500,000
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Said resolution appropriates General Fund dollars and transfers surplus 2008 bond proceeds to cover transition costs associated with establishment of a temporary Blacksburg High School, a temporary Blacksburg Middle School, and the relocation of offices and facilities from the old Christiansburg Middle School.

**A-FY-11-19  
SHERIFF  
RECOVERED COSTS**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, for the function and in the amount as follows:

320	Sheriff County	\$1,309
321	Sheriff County	<u>\$ 158</u>
	Total	\$1,467

The sources of the funds for the foregoing appropriation are as follows:

Revenue Account

419108	Recovered Costs	\$1,309
419104	Confiscations	<u>\$ 158</u>
	Total	\$1,467

Said resolution appropriates recovered costs for use by the Sheriff's office and appropriates monies received from the Department of Criminal Justice Services Asset Forfeitures.



**A-FY-11-20**  
**COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**FIRE & RESCUE PROJECTS**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that a transfer of appropriation within the County Capital Projects Fund is hereby authorized, as follows:

FROM:

123301	Fire and Rescue Capital Reserve	(\$340,000)
123301EL	Elliston Fire Capital Projects	(\$ 4,000)
123302SV	Shawsville Rescue Capital Projects	(\$ 8,027)
123302LM	Long Shop McCoy Rescue Capital Projects	(\$ 2,813)
123301CB	Christiansburg Fire Capital Projects	<u>(\$ 2,052)</u>
	Total	(\$356,892)

TO:

123302CB	Christiansburg Rescue Capital Projects	\$155,027
123301LM	Long Shop McCoy Fire Capital Projects	\$100,000
123301CB	Christiansburg Fire Capital Projects	\$ 50,000
123302RN	Riner Rescue Capital Projects	\$ 47,000
123303	Radio Tower Capital Project	<u>\$ 4,865</u>
	Total	\$356,892

Said resolution transfers CIP funds to other Fire and Rescue Capital Projects to purchase equipment approved by the Fire and Rescue Commission.

**A-FY-11-21**  
**REGIONAL TOURISM**  
**PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, for the function and in the amount as follows:

910	Regional Tourism – NRV PDC	\$5,000
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

Revenue Account

02-451205	Designated Fund Balance	\$5,000
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Said resolution appropriates funds received from the increased 1% of transient occupancy tax. These funds will be remitted to the Planning District Commission for developing a regional tourism website.

**A-FY-11-22**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**TRANSFER FROM GENERAL CONTINGENCIES**  
**TO PROVIDE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS**  
**HUCKLEBERRY TRAIL**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that a transfer of appropriation is hereby authorized, as follows:

FROM:

950	General Contingencies	(\$12,500)
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TO:

700	Parks and Recreation	\$12,500
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Said resolution transfers funds from General Contingencies to Parks and Recreation to provide grant matching funds for an extension of the Huckleberry Trail.

**Agreements**

**R-FY-11-11**  
**FIRST AMENDMENT TO**  
**REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT**  
**R.P. FRALIN HOLDING COMPANY, L.L.C.**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board hereby approves the First Amendment to the Real Estate Sales Agreement between R. P. Fralin Holding Company, L.L.C. and the County of Montgomery, Virginia dated August 9, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Annette S. Perkins, Chair, to execute said Amendment on behalf of the County of Montgomery, Virginia.

## **State Budget**

### **R-FY-11-12 STATE BUDGET CUTS METHOD OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR FY 11**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The 2010 Appropriations Act requires the reduction in state aid to local governments in both FY 2011 and FY 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Act also provides three methods from which a locality can choose to carry out the required reduction which include:

1. Take the reduction from one or more programs on a list provided by the Department of Planning and Budget,
2. Make a reimbursement payment directly to the state for the total locality reduction,
3. Elect a combination of reductions and reimbursement payments.

WHEREAS, The Department of Planning and Budget identified Montgomery County's reduction for FY 2011 totaling \$407,762.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that Montgomery County elects to take the reduction from one or more programs on a list provided by the Department of Planning and Budget, as the method to address the required state mandated funding reduction.

## **Appointments**

### **R-FY-11-13 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION REAPPOINT BLACKSBURG POLICE CHIEF**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby reappoints **Kim Crannis, the Town of Blacksburg Police Chief**, to the Transportation Safety Commission effective August 14, 2010 and expiring August 13, 2013.

**R-FY-11-14**  
**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**REAPPOINT CHRISTIANSBURG POLICE CHIEF**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby reappoints **Mark Sisson, the Town of Christiansburg Police Chief**, to the Transportation Safety Commission effective August 14, 2010 and expiring August 13, 2013.

**R-FY-11-15**  
**VIRGINIA TECH/MONTGOMERY REGIONAL**  
**AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**REAPPOINT ANNETTE S. PERKINS**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby reappoints **Annette S. Perkins** to the Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport Authority effective September 1, 2010 and expiring August 31, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The expiration of a Board of Supervisors term in office shall constitute a voluntary resignation from any board/commission/authority appointment as a representative of Montgomery County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to each of the Member Jurisdictions.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD-FY-11-01**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR**  
**PLANNING AND ZONING BY DECREASING THE FEE**  
**TO FILE REQUESTS FOR APPEAL OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DECISION**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the following amendment to the Fee Schedule for planning and zoning activities:

## ***FEE SCHEDULE PLANNING AND ZONING***

<b><u>Application/Permit Type</u></b>	<b><u>Fee</u></b>
<b>Rezoning (<i>to</i>)</b>	
A-1	\$375
R-R, R-1, R-2	\$500 + \$20/acre or portion thereof
R-3, RM-1	\$625 + \$25/acre or portion thereof
GB, CB	\$750 + \$30/acre or portion thereof
ML, M-1	\$875 + \$35/acre or portion thereof
PUD-Res, PUD-Com, PIN, PMR	\$1000 + \$40/acre or portion thereof
<b>Special Use Permit</b>	\$500
Telecommunications Tower	\$2500
Automobile Graveyard	\$1250
Extractive Industry	\$1250
<b>Change in proffered conditions</b>	\$500 + \$20/acre or portion thereof
<b>Comprehensive Plan Amendment</b>	\$500
<b>Variance Request - BZA</b>	\$500
<b>Appeal of Zoning Administrator's decision - BZA</b>	<b><u>\$250</u></b> <del>\$425</del>
<b>Subdivision Sign Fee</b> (per BOS Resolution 5-28-1991)	\$160 per intersection
<b>Sign Permit</b>	\$40
General Advertising (Billboard)	\$375
<b>Zoning Permit</b>	\$10
<b>Subdivision Review Fee</b>	
Major Subdivision	\$250 per plat + \$20 per lot over 5
Minor Subdivision	\$100 per plat + \$10 per lot over 5
Family Subdivision	\$50
Boundary Line Adjustment	\$45
Boundary Line Adjustment with vacation	Same as Minor Subdivision
<b>Site Plan Review</b>	\$300 + \$20/acre or portion thereof
<b>Zoning Confirmation Letter</b>	\$125
<b>DMV Certification Letter</b>	\$40
<b>Technology Fee</b>	2% of base fees minimum \$10

When a joint application/permit is sought for both a rezoning and a special use permit, only the higher fee shall be charged.

Applicant must pay all legal advertisement fees. Staff will prepare ad for the applicant and deliver ad to The Roanoke Times. Applicant is responsible for contacting and paying The Roanoke Times for the advertisement. If the applicant is a private citizen, not a business, the applicant must set up payment for the ad prior to the deadline date stated on the advertisement notice. *If payment is not made to The Roanoke Times prior to the deadline date, the ad will not be run and the application will not be heard at the scheduled hearing.*

Application/permit fees are non-refundable regardless of whether the application/permit is approved, denied or withdrawn.

The vote on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

AYE

Doug Marrs

John A. Muffo

Gary D. Creed

William H. Brown

James D. Politis

Mary W. Biggs

Annette S. Perkins

NAY

None

**RECESS**

The Board took a 15 minute recess at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

**INTO WORK SESSION**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Yates Property Donation
2. Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled

The vote of the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE

John A. Muffo

Gary D. Creed

William H. Brown

James D. Politis

Mary W. Biggs

Doug Marrs

Annette S. Perkins

NAY

None

### **Yates Property Donation**

An offer to donate 38.67 acres of land to Montgomery County for potential parks and recreation use was made by property owner Anne Yates, and was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The property is identified as parcel #120212 and is located on Stroubles Creek Road behind the Montgomery Farms subdivision. The parcel is located in proximity to a 1,132 acre parcel owned by Virginia Tech and a smaller parcel owned by the Virginia Tech Foundation. The parcel lies in the path of the proposed South Main connector road. The assessed value of the parcel is \$119,200 which at a 74 cent tax rate generates \$882.08 annually in real estate taxes.

The Parks and Recreation Commission evaluated the offer and recommends that the County accept the property for future trail projects and a potential park. Accepting the offer would require the County to conduct a survey and an environmental study, and clean up debris currently on the property. Signage on the property would also be required.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The cost of the survey and environmental study is estimated to be between \$4,000 - \$6,000, and cost for a title search and title insurance is estimated at \$868. In addition, the cleanup of the debris on the site and signage is estimated to cost \$1,000 to \$2,000 with County staff providing the labor. There will also be an annual loss in real estate taxes currently at \$882.80. In summary, approximately \$9,000 in funds will be necessary to obtain the property and \$882.80 in revenue will be lost annually.

### **Alternatives**

- Alternative 1:** Do not accept the offer.
- Alternative 2:** Accept the offer and appropriate \$9,000 toward the cost of acquiring the property.
- Alternative 3:** Accept the offer provided the property owner shares in the cost of the survey and environmental study.

It is staff's recommendation to accept Alternative #2. If the County wishes to move forward to accept the property donation, a real estate agreement will be drafted for Board consideration at a future meeting.

Donald Saunders, adjoining property owner, asked for permission to address the Board. Mr. Saunders stated the property is being used for four-wheelers and a shooting range and believes it will be a good thing if the County does accept the donation in order to eliminate this kind of activity.

The County Administrator stated if the County does accept the donation the land will be posted and patrol for any illegal activities.

After discussion the Board by consensus instructed staff to move forward.

## **Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled**

Carol Edmonds, Assistant County Administrator, provided information in regards to the County's Tax Relief Program for the Elderly and Disabled. The purpose of discussion tonight it to determine the Board's position on increasing income and/or asset limits for the tax relief program for the elderly and disabled.

The Board has followed staff recommendation to increase the income limits in increments of \$5,000 annually moving toward the state maximum of \$50,000. The County's maximum income limit is currently \$40,000. Asset increases have been based on increases in real estate values during reassessments. The increase or decrease for the 2010 reassessment should be known in October. The County's asset limit is currently \$100,000.

Ms. Edmonds asked the Board for direction in amending the tax relief ordinance in the upcoming year. Does the Board want to increase the income limit by \$5,000 and continue the increase annually until the state maximum is reached? Does the Board want to continue the policy of increasing asset limits at the time of reassessment?

The following chart was submitted as a recommendation on increasing the income limit at \$5,000:

\$0 - \$28,800	100% Relief
\$28,801--\$36,000	60% Relief
\$36,001--\$45,000	40% Relief

If the Board wants to pursue the change, the next steps are to schedule a public hearing at their October 10, 2010 meeting, hold a public hearing in November 2010 and vote on the ordinance amendment in November 2010.

Board members expressed support in continuing to increase the income limits by \$5,000 increments on an annual basis until the state maximum of \$50,000 is met.

## **OUT OF WORK SESSION**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.



The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Gary D. Creed	None
William H. Brown	
James D. Politis	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marrs	
John A. Muffo	
Annette S. Perkins	

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

**Supervisor Biggs** attended the VACo Board of Directors meeting and the Education Steering Committee meeting in Richmond. Supervisor Biggs reported the financial outlook for the Commonwealth still looks bleak in the upcoming year. Lt. Governor Bolling addressed the Board of Directors and stated Virginia's focus is economic development and to create jobs in Virginia.

Supervisor Biggs expressed her frustration on how the State is reducing funds on services and passing the cost to localities to cover.

**Supervisor Muffo** reported that U.S. News & World Report named Blacksburg, Va on its 2010 list of the ten "Best Affordable Mountain Towns for Retirement".

The annual Bike Virginia Tour will be hosted by Pulaski County and City of Radford June 24-29, 2011. This event will have a huge economic impact on the region with estimated \$1.5 million in revenue.

**Supervisor Brown** reported he along with Supervisor Politis have been working with the Riner Rescue Squad Advisory Committee to help with the process of making Riner Rescue Squad an independent agency from the Christiansburg Rescue Squad.

**Supervisor Marrs** attended the VACo Transportation Steering Committee meeting in Richmond. They discussed in length how the State is continuing to reduce funds for transportation and expecting the localities to pay for the cost of roads.

**Supervisor Perkins** attended the VACo Education Steering Committee in Richmond. Their main discussion focused on funding for education and will continue to request less mandates.

A tentative Joint Meeting with School Board is scheduled for August 30, 2010. Chair Perkins asked Board members to check their calendars to see if they can attend.

Several School Board meeting have been scheduled to discuss options for Blacksburg High School for August 10 and August 16, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Monday, Monday, August 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____	ATTEST: _____
Annette S. Perkins	F. Craig Meadows
Chair, Board of Supervisors	County Administrator